GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINING IN CULTIVATION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a 40 per cent downfall in the cultivation of oilseeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is going to provide all the facilities to the agriculture based industries, alongwith other concessions, for massive investment in the field of oilseeds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Government of India is providing financial assistance in the form of grant through the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up/modernisation/expansion of edible oil industries at 25% of the cost of plant, machinery and technical civil work subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakh in general area and 33.33% to a maximum of Rs.75.00 lakh in difficult areas. Besides, Government of India is also implementing a scheme `Research & Development on Post Harvest Technology on Oilseeds, Pulses & Maize` under which Post Harvest Technologies relating to oilseeds are being developed through Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) with 100% Central grant-in-aid and as a part of transfer of technology assistance is provided for establishment/modernisation of Palm Oil mills, Rice Bran Oil refineries, demonstration unit of Red Palmolein and Vegetable Oil Blend etc. to the selected private beneficiaries at subsidized rates.

(e): Does not arise.